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SUBJECT Interview with Admiral Stansfield Turner

PHIL DONAHUE: You recognize Admiral Stansfield Turner, who was Director of the Central Intelligence Agency under President Carter.

You're a former President of the Naval War College. You're former Commander-in-Chief of NATO's southern flank. And they wouldn't let you print some of this stuff. Not unlike the order that you issued when you were head of the CIA. So you were hoisted on your own petard.

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: No, not at all. Quite the opposite. You see, when I was head of the CIA, we had this rule, it had been in force for over 20 years. But one man named Snapp did not submit his book for publication. We sued him for breach of contract.

My problem was exactly the opposite. I did submit my book.

DONAHUE: I see. So your grievance with Snapp is that he didn't submit, not that there was necessarily something sensitive about what he wrote.

ADMIRAL TURNER: He had not only signed a written contract to submit, he had looked me in the eye, Phil, and said, "I'm going to submit my book to you, Admiral." And he did not.

DONAHUE: What's curious to me, though, is how a guy who heads the Central Intelligence Agency can't make his own decisions about what ought to be released and not released, and you've got a bunch of lower life -- I shouldn't say that. You know what I mean about lower-echelon people making a decision

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